

STUDENTS OF VIRGINIA DOING DEPUTATION WORK

Picked College Men Are Carrying
Efforts of Y. M. C. A. Into
Small Towns.

HAVE ACCOMPLISHED MUCH
Follow Set Program at All Com-
munities Visited, Giving Their Full
Time and Labor During Vacation
Without Any Remuneration.

About fifty picked men from Virginia colleges, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., are doing deputation work among the towns in Virginia, ranging in size from 500 to 2,000 people. The object of their visits is for personal evangelism. A deputation team is made up of from four to six of the best men in college, who take part in the play life of the boys in the town visited in the daytime and hold special Gospel services in the evening. Among those at work during the present holiday season are such men as Ted Schultz, captain of the Washington and Lee football team; James L. White, captain of the University of Virginia baseball team, and Captain Sparr, of the Virginia football team.

The men are selected with great care, including those who rank high in scholarship and Christian leadership. It is significant to note that the men are of their own volition, without pay, in order to do personal work among the boys and business men of the small towns of Virginia.

CHRISTIANITY KEYNOTE

OF ALL WORK DONE
The following places were visited during the Christmas season: Chase City, by a Richmond College team; Scottsville, by a Richmond College team; Basic City, by a Washington and Lee team; Eagle Rock, by a Washington and Lee team; Satisfire, by a V. P. I. team; and Blackburg and Buchanan, by V. P. I. teams. Gordonsville and Orange were visited by teams from the University of Virginia, and Galax by an Emory and Henry team.

It is interesting to note how these college men go about their work. They generally arrive at the place to be visited on Tuesday evening. On the first night of their stay they are given a reception by the people of the community. The object of this reception is for them to get acquainted. After setting up the program of the day the following morning, the college men go on hikes with the high school boys. They take part in the sports of the season, using athletics as a means of approach to show by example the real spirit of Christianity. During the noon hour the shops of the community are visited for the purpose of holding meetings for the employed men. During the afternoon a similar program is carried out. At 7:30 o'clock each evening a religious meeting is held for the people of the community, conducted entirely by the college men, who do not make any attempt at sermonizing, but simply testify out of their own experience what Christianity has meant to them.

LAYMAN GIVES PRaise

TO WORK OF TEAMS
It is remarkable to note how successful these men are in arousing interest in Christianity. A letter received from a prominent layman in a small town in Virginia makes this statement: "I want to say that I cannot find words to express our appreciation for the work and interest in our community which has been manifested by the college men. Their visits have resulted in a large number of boys making a definite stand for the Christian life, in addition to the reawakening among those already engaged in church work. This important phase of endeavor is being recognized by the State executive committee of the Young Men's Christian Association of Virginia, under the direct supervision of M. W. Lee, the State student secretary."

Last year twenty-five men were sent out during the vacation season.

HIRSCHBERG SILENT

However, Prior to Do Not Believe He Will Offer as Candidate for Mayor.

Commissioner John Hirschberg, of the Administrative Board, who has been put forward by James E. Dickerson, clerk in the Water Department, as a candidate for Mayor, is not yet ready with his announcement, but friends of the commissioner are confident that he will decline the Dickerson nomination. Mr. Hirschberg has three more years to serve as a member of the Administrative Board, and his friends say he would not surrender his present position in order to engage in doubtful pursuit of other honors.

W. H. Adams, president of the Board of Aldermen, has withdrawn from the race, and announces that he will support William T. Dabney, business manager of the Chamber of Commerce. If the latter decides to offer himself, Mr. Dabney has not replied to the suggestion, but it is generally believed that he will not become a candidate, which leaves only the present Mayor, George Ainslie, as an avowed candidate for the position of chief executive.

NEW YEAR AT Y. M. C. A.

Shown in 1916 With Two Entertainments and Interesting Basketball Game.

Wilfred, the wizard, and Richard, a black-face comedian, enlivened the program rendered yesterday at the Central Young Men's Christian Association, in celebration of New Year's Day. The two entertainers, assisted by the Duplex Quartet, gave two entertainments during the day, one in the auditorium before a general audience, the other in the afternoon for the benefit of the boys of the association. Last night the association's basketball team won from the team of the Second Baptist Church by the score of 31 to 26.

HIGH PRICE OF POTASH IS HARD ON FARMERS

Valuable Ingredient of Fertilizer Has
Soared to Ten Times What It
Cost Before the War.

A metaphorical shell from the European war zones has dropped in the agricultural districts of Virginia, and there is wailing among the farmers. The extraordinary demand for potash created by war conditions has sent the price soaring in twelve months from \$50 a ton to \$500.

Potash is used extensively in the manufacture of fertilizers, being essential to the productivity of the soil in many parts of the State. It is one of the principal ingredients of gunpowder, but is also necessary for the manufacture of glass. Certain natural deposits in Germany constitute the chief commercial source of potash, and Germany's tremendous yield is now cut off from most of the rest of the world.

"Not only the Virginia farmers are hard hit, but the farming industry in America and probably every other country," said Commissioner of Agriculture George W. Koerner, discussing the unprecedented quotations on potash of every grade.

"What are we going to do about it? We can do nothing. Will the farmers buy potash that sold for \$50 a little more than a year ago at the price it now commands? They will not. They will have to struggle along with the best fertilizers they can get at reasonable prices."

Complaints are coming from almost every county in Virginia against the unheard-of quotations on potash. No relief, however, can be promised while the European war continues.

Commissioner Koerner has accepted invitations to deliver several addresses during the month of January. He will be one of the principal speakers at the quarterly meeting of the Farmers' Union to be held January 11 at Kenbridge, Lunenburg County. His subject will be "Better Methods of Farming," but he will also discuss the fertilizer situation at some length.

On January 14 the commissioner will deliver an address before the Southern Fertilizer Association, which is to meet in Norfolk. He will also speak at the annual meeting of the Rockingham Farmers' Association, which will be held in Harrisonburg January 18.

LAUNCH PLAN TO FORM

UNIVERSITY CLUB HERE
Some of City's Most Prominent Men
Will Meet for Purpose on Wednesday Night.

With a charter membership exceeding only three similar organizations in the country, the University Club of Richmond will be duly organized Wednesday night, when those interested in the movement will meet at the Westmoreland Club. More than 200 applications for membership have been received, the applicants representing practically every profession in Richmond.

The committee having the matter in charge proposes to rent suitable quarters for the club members for a period of two or three years. After that time, when the young organization shall have gotten on its feet, a handsome clubhouse will be erected. The University Club movement has the endorsement of practically every institution of learning in the State, and many of the leading spirits in the universities and colleges have indicated their intention of applying for membership. It will be the fourth organization of the kind in the South, the other three being located in Atlanta, Nashville and Austin.

Among those who have been invited to attend the organization meeting are Dr. Medcure Newton, Foster Wirt, R. L. Saville, Roy G. Pratt, W. L. Brown, Lashell, Edwin Conquest, H. B. Hardy, T. J. Moore, E. E. Worrell, J. B. Duval, Robert, Bushnell, J. C. Duto, H. H. George, Wyndham R. Meredith, George Bryan, S. D. Crenshaw, R. T. Crump, J. C. Metcalf, J. Garnett Nelson, E. B. Chesterman, A. Carrington, William H. White, Russell Cecil, W. Russell Bowie, H. M. Smith, Jr., R. H. Pitt, George Haw, Douglas S. Freeman, Richard W. Carrington, Stuart McGuire, W. P. Robb, E. E. Smith, Charles J. Anderson, Robert C. Bryan, J. Thompson Brown, John Stewart Bryan, John A. Coke, Jr., Eppa Huston, Jr., Charles E. Hasbrook, Robert M. Kent, Jr., E. C. Laird, John Pickrell, John Garland Pollard, Scott Purdie, E. L. Purcell, S. S. P. Patterson, J. M. Parrish, Jo Lane Stern, Beverly R. Tucker and G. H. Winfree.

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Cupid in Henrico Joins Many Hearts

Pretty Lassies Have No Trouble
in Ensnaring Unwary Swains
Before Leap Year Comes.

The winsome lassies of Henrico have little scruples about ensnaring the hearts of unwary swains. Nor do the merry widows in that neck of the woods hesitate to set sail again upon the troubled sea of matrimony. And divorcees, usually less sentimental than the uninitiated, scolders and heads, consider and finally conclude that there may be, after all, such a port as Wedded Bliss.

Tom Fletcher, the man responsible for all the matrimonial indiscretions in Henrico, is not quite sure whether he should return thanks for the good he has been permitted to accomplish during the good year, 1915, or ask forgiveness for the havoc he has worked in allowing so many youthful hearts to be beat as one. He is not so much concerned about the hardened old widowers or the aged widows. They are old enough to mind their own business. But the innocent little lassies and the thinking young men, who are subjects of his most earnest thoughts. He is inclined, however, to hope for the best.

Wars and rumors of wars don't have much effect on the matrimonially inclined in Henrico. In fact, the girls have hung on the same order since so many business houses these days "don't talk war; talk business; we are neutral." And they are neutral in everything except love. Here they are distinctly and violently partisan.

HENRICO BRIDES DON'T

FAVOR MONTH OF JUNE

During the year 1915 Mr. Fletcher issued no less than fifty-five marriage licenses to white couples, and thirty-eight to couples of the opposite color. In Henrico, in fact, the girls have hung on the same order since so many business houses these days "don't talk war; talk business; we are neutral." And they are neutral in everything except love. Here they are distinctly and violently partisan.

Of the fifty-five white couples married last year in Henrico, forty-four were men and women who had never before embarked on the sea of matrimony. In five cases both the contracting parties had had the misfortune to lose the partner he or she had promised to love and cherish until death did them part. One couple was made up of a widower and a divorcee. Still another was composed of a single man and a widow. Two divorced men married widows. Two widowers took unto themselves wives who were trying married life for the first time.

Scattered over the month in which Cupid did his most effective work, June is not the month of brides in Henrico. December beat the favorite marrying period by two couples. October led it with one. March is the least favored month.

Farmers stand the best show of getting help mates in Henrico. Ten of them succeeded in annexing wives last year. Carpenters come next with five hooking up for better or for worse. Four merchants endowed four bouncing lassies with all their goods and chattels. Three machinists took a leap in the dark, and so on down the list. The average age of the man who marries in Henrico is not quite twenty years; that of the woman between twenty-four and twenty-five years. Sixteen Richmonders went down there to get a life partner.

Plan Viaduct Across Valley.

The Administrative Board yesterday directed City Engineer John A. Smith to make surveys for a viaduct across the Shockoe Creek Valley. The motion, made by Commissioner Hirschberg, with suggestions from Commissioner Beck calls for a steel or re-enforced concrete bridge, with lifts, beginning at Twelfth Street and ending at Twenty-second Street.

The estimated cost of the bridge is \$200,000.

Accused of Threatening.

Matt Morris, colored, was arrested last night by Policemen Reid and Harlow on a charge of threatening James Mayo with a pistol and threatening to kill him.

Street Car on Fire.

A Broad and Main Street car caught fire from some unexplained cause near the intersection of the two streets last night and delayed traffic at that point for a short time. The crew extinguished the blaze.

ARRESTS IN RICHMOND FOR YEAR NUMBER 12,728

Noticeable Fact Is Great Decrease in
Criminal Traffic, Being Only
Nine Offenses.

Figures given out yesterday by Captain George E. Pollock, secretary of the Board of Police Commissioners, and Ben Tucker, clerk of the Police Court, show that 178 police officers in Richmond last year arrested 12,728 persons on various charges, and that a total of \$29,923.51 was collected in fines during the year. A noticeable feature in the records during 1915 was the decrease in the number of persons arrested for trafficking in cocaine. Only nine such arrests were made, whereas there were forty-three in 1914 and seventy-one in the year previous.

Due to the increased territory, there were ten more arrests made last year by police officers than during the year before. Of this number 5,111 were white persons and 7,617 negroes. White males arrested totaled 4,992 and females 479. Forty men had a total of 5,586 and negro women aggregated 1,731. The figures show further that 114 Russians, forty-six Italians, thirty-three Greeks, sixteen Germans, twenty-four Syrians and twenty-four Irish were taken in charge.

Regarding the ages of those arrested Captain Pollock said that twenty-two of the 12,728 persons arrested were less than ten years old; 577 between the ages of ten and seventeen; 1,731 between seventeen and twenty-one; 5,157 between twenty-one and thirty; 2,818 between thirty and forty; 1,325 between forty and fifty; 536 between fifty and sixty; 149 between sixty and seventy; and forty-one over seventy.

Arrests for misdemeanors totaled 11,752 and felonies 976. A portion of these arrests were for the following offenses: 965 drunk and disorderly; 418 drunks; twenty-four forgers; 412 fighting on street; 178 fugitives from justice; 150 housebreaking; eighty-nine larceny; 196 larceny; nineteen murders; 824 petty larceny; eighty-nine felonious robbery; seventy-four selling liquor without license; nine illegal gambling; 115 automobile speeding; thirty-three using automobiles without permission; 606 vagrants.

PETER COLLINS WILL SPEAK HERE TO-DAY

Makes Address Under Auspices of
Knights of Columbus at Lyric
Theater.

Peter Collins, of Massachusetts, the man who came to Richmond two years ago to defend Eugene Debs in public lecture on the subject of "Socialism," and who, according to the officers of the Knights of Columbus, did not meet Debs on that occasion because Debs was too busy to defend Socialism on the same platform with Collins, is to return here to-day.

He comes to deliver a free lecture at the Lyric Theater, under the auspices of the local council of the Knights of Columbus. Mr. Collins' subject will be "God and Country," and his theme, civic righteousness. The lecture is described as a clear and logical treatment of the problems now confronting not only the people of America, but vital to civilization and its advancement. The lecturer brings with him recommendations as to the merit of a lecture from Presbyterian, Episcopalian, Christian, Methodist and Baptist ministers, the subject matter being non-denominational, although Mr. Collins is one of the most eloquent and scholarly laymen of the Catholic Church in America. The lecture will be given at 8 o'clock this afternoon.

One of the important features of Mr. Collins' lecture and which excited much interest at his previous lecture, was the "Question Box." This feature will be retained at this lecture. It presents an opportunity for any one present to question the speaker upon any feature of his discourse.

At Mr. Collins' previous lecture in Richmond, two years ago, he spent an hour answering questions that were put to him from all parts of the house.

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English Longcloth, 12-yard pieces, 36 inches wide; fine grade for night gowns \$1.00 and underwear 1 pc
Cinderella Nainsook---real Japanese finish, 39 inches wide; 10 yards to the \$2 box, 25c yard, or 2 pc
Luna Lawn---38 inches wide and sheer, linen thread finish. This is an ex-162C cellent wearing fabric 162 yd

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PRENTIS DISCUSSES RAILROAD REGULATION

Chairman of Virginia Commission
Writes Article on National
and State Supervision.

C. & O. SHOWS IMMENSE GAIN
Gross and Net Income for November
Far in Excess of Same Month Last
Year, When War Conditions Had
Caused Slump.

Judge Robert R. Prentiss, chairman of the State Corporation Commission, and president of the National Association of Railway Commissioners, discusses the relations between national and State railway regulation in the current issue of the Railway Age Gazette, which contains a number of articles by prominent railway authorities in a review of the year.

"Co-operation between national and State commissions and the railroads," Judge Prentiss is quoted as saying, "is the remedy for any conflicts, inconsistencies and discriminations, which exist because of national and State regulation."

Under decision of the Supreme Court, he says, if there is unjust discrimination in favor of intrastate rates and against interstate rates which have been ascertained to be reasonable, then the Interstate Commerce Commission has the authority to require the railroads to remove such discrimination. "There are many things in connection with regulation," he says, "which the State authorities can do very much better than the Federal authorities, such as the regulation of local rates. At the same time, it is true that the Federal commission can do many things that the State commissions cannot do, such as the regulation of interstate rates and matters of a character which directly relate to and promote commerce between the States. However desirable it might be in the interest of simplicity and uniformity to have all the powers of regulation lodged in a Federal commission, it cannot be demonstrated that such a radical change in our system would be wise or produce any greater efficiency."

Frank Trumbull, chairman of the board of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, in the same issue, discusses the proposed regulation by the Federal government of railway securities. "I think there is no objection," he states, "and on many accounts it is desirable, that the issuance of railway securities in the future be supervised by the Federal government. If the onerous and conflicting regulation as well as supervision by the various States of bond and stock issues can be done away with. This question is largely a banking function, and is too delicate to admit of delays either at Washington or at State capitals."

"In saying this, I refer particularly to the question of prices investors may be willing to pay and which, as we all know, are subject to fluctuations, some of which are violent in character. Any company might fall into bankruptcy by not acting promptly at a favorable moment and even when it is obligated, delays frequently add to the cost of financing, a burden which ought to be saved the public."

The earnings of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway for the month of November make a most remarkable record. The vast volume of business and the improved conditions in the territory traversed by the road are strongly reflected by the tremendous increase in the net income of the Chesapeake and Ohio.

The net income of the road during the month of November was \$600,886.19, as compared with \$218,848.40 for the same month of the previous year, an increase of \$382,037.79, or 174.6 per cent.

The gross revenue for the month of November was \$1,187,726.49, as compared with \$1,045,145.29, or 13.6 per cent. The total operating expenses for this period were \$1,127,907.55, compared with \$1,162,281.30, an increase of \$34,375.75, or 3 per cent. The net income of the road during the five months of the current fiscal year increased 155 per cent over the same period of last year, according to figures announced yesterday from the local offices of the road.

A condensed statement of the Chesapeake and Ohio for the month of November and for the five months of the fiscal year follows:

Total operating revenue for November, \$1,187,726.49, against \$2,880,999.57 for 1914, an increase of \$1,113,549.91, or 38.6 per cent.

Operating expenses, maintenance of way and equipment and miscellaneous expenses, \$1,127,907.55, as compared with \$1,045,145.29 a year ago, an increase of \$82,762.26, or 7.9 per cent. Other charges made against the operating revenue cut down the net income for the month to \$600,886.19, compared with \$218,848.40 for last November, an increase of \$382,037.79, or 174.6 per cent.

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Jailed for Stealing Watch.
J. H. Smith was sentenced to ninety days in jail by Justice Crutchfield yesterday on a charge of stealing a watch from Harry Bragg.

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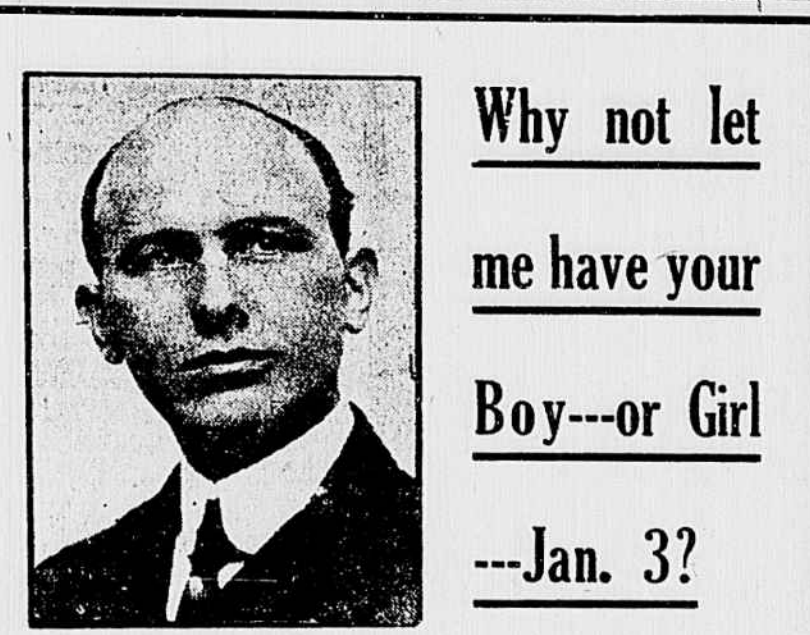
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